

SOCIAL STUDIES

4006 Target STAAR – Social Studies, 0.5 credit (local) **GPA Level 2**

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Service ID: 84400100

Prerequisite(s): Counselor approval.

Notes: Recommended for students who scored below Satisfactory Standard on the U.S. History STAAR EOC exam.

Target STAAR is a semester-long course recommended for all students who failed the Social Studies portion of the STAAR test at their previous grade level. This course will provide remediation within the school day for students who have failed, or are in danger of failing, the Social Studies portion of the state assessment. Target STAAR will be taken concurrently with a student's Social Studies course.

Objectives for each content area and grade level course will be the STAAR objectives for the tests which students require remediation. Strategies will be course-specific and will include such elements as test-taking strategies, problem solving in math and science, reading for meaning, and other content-specific strategies.

4011 World Geography Studies, 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 2**

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Service ID: 03320100

Prerequisite(s): None

Notes: **4014 World Geography Studies: Sheltered (For English Language Learners):** LPAC approval required; see page 178; this course may not be semester-averaged with Human Geography (AP/GT).

Students will examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. The course will emphasize physical processes that shape patterns in the physical environment, analyze how location affects economic activities in different economic systems, identify the processes that influence political divisions of the planet, and compare components of culture that shape the characteristics of regions. Students will use primary and secondary sources to practice problem-solving and decision-making skills to ask and answer geographic questions.

4021 World Geography Studies (PreAP/GT), 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 1**

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Service ID: 03320100

Prerequisite(s): None

Notes: This course may not be semester-averaged with Human Geography (AP/GT).

PreAP World Geography is a course for students who would like to prepare for college-level work. In addition to covering the major aspects of world geography, the course extends the study in a number of ways: inclusion of more detail; emphasis upon environmental concerns and methods; cultural geography and analysis; emphasis upon maps and the locations and places of physical and political geography; and varied projects throughout the year. This is an upper-level critical thinking course requiring independent study and research.

4810 Human Geography (AP/GT), 1.0 credit (state) **GPA Level 1**

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Service ID: A3360100

Prerequisite(s): None

Notes: Prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement Human Geography exam. Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirement for the World Geography course, but may not be semester-averaged with World Geography.

The Human Geography course is taught at a college-level and is for students who are prepared to take college level work. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to analyze human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. It is the study of people from a spatial and ecological perspective. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis is placed upon critical thinking, independent study, and research.

4111 World History Studies, 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 9-12**Service ID:** 03340400**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** **4114 World History Studies: Sheltered (For English Language Learners); LPAC approval required; see page 178.**

This course includes study of the following areas: development of early civilizations; historical development of Western civilization; historical development of other areas, including Russia, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Meso America; geographic religious influences on world history; and world development in the twentieth century.

4121 World History Studies (PreAP/GT), 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 9-12**Service ID:** 03340400**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

PreAP World History is a course for students who would like to prepare for college-level work. In addition to covering the major aspects of world history, the course extends the study in a number of ways: inclusion of more detail, emphasis upon archeological concerns and methods, use of primary materials and documents, comparative study of the great religions, and interdisciplinary focus emphasizing art and architecture, study of the background for the development of U.S. government and economics, and application of historical concepts to current events. The emphasis is upon critical thinking, independent study, and research.

4411 World History (AP/GT), 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 10-12**Service ID:** A3370100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement World History exam.

This World History course is taught at the college-level and is for students who are prepared to take college level work. The purpose of the course is to develop an understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts, and interaction with different types of human societies in the past thousand years. The course highlights the nature and changes of international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. This course emphasizes relevant factual knowledge with leading interpretive issues and types of historical evidence. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis is placed upon document based questions and compare/contrast essays.

4211 United States History, 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03340100**Prerequisite(s):** World Geography and/or World History.**Notes:** **4214 United States History: Sheltered (For English Language Learners); LPAC approval required; see page 178.**
Students will be required to take the U.S. History STAAR EOC exam.

Students will study the history of the United States from Reconstruction (1865) to the present. Historical content focuses on major issues affecting the growth of America regarding political, economic, cultural, social and geographical factors and their impact on American society as well as foreign policy. Incorporated into the course will be a variety of secondary source materials for enrichment as a guide to analysis and critical thinking dealing with issues related to the history of the United States.

4221 United States History (AP/GT), 1 credit (state) **GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** A3340100**Prerequisite(s):** World Geography and/or World History; AP Human Geography and/or PreAP/AP World History recommended.**Notes:** This course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement U.S. History exam; students will be required to take the U.S. History STAAR EOC exam; most of the STAAR EOC curriculum will be taught in the spring semester.

AP United States History is taught at the college-level and is for students who are prepared to take college level work. In addition to covering the major aspects of United States history, the course extends the study in a number of ways. Since it is based on the Advanced Placement model, this survey course covers American History from settlement to contemporary times. Objectives from the second half of American History are handled in more depth, and include an interdisciplinary focus. Emphasis is placed upon overall comparison, contrast, and trend analysis of foreign and domestic policy since World War II, and upon analysis of current events in terms of the entire scope of American History. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis is placed upon critical thinking, independent study, and research.

4310 United States Government, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** 03330100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** **4314 United States Government: Sheltered (For English Language Learners)**; LPAC approval required; see page 178.

This is a required one-semester course that includes the study of the foundations of the U.S. political system, the development of the U.S. government system, the structures and functions of the U.S. government systems, and skills and processes of participation and decision-making in civic affairs.

4320 Government and Politics: United States (AP/GT), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** A3330100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course will satisfy the 0.5 credit requirement for United States Government; the course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics exam.

This is a one-semester college-level course for students who wish to take a challenging course in U.S. Government and Politics. In addition to covering the essential elements of government, this course extends the study in many areas: the philosophical and historical background of American government; an analysis of political parties, interest groups, the media, and public opinion, and the examination of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the national government. Using a college text, the emphasis is upon critical thinking, independent study, and research.

4510 Economics, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** 03310300**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** **4514 Economics: Sheltered (For English Language Learners)**; LPAC approval required; see page 178.

This is a required one-semester course that focuses on the basic principles concerning production, consumption, and distribution of goods and services in the United States. Students will examine the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses in a free enterprise system. The interaction of supply, demand, and price will be analyzed. Student will also study the role of financial institutions in a market economy, the relationship of the United States economic system to other economies in the world, types of business ownership and market structures, the United States' government's policy on taxing and spending, the Federal Reserve, international trade, and the role of labor in the United States economic system.

4520 Macroeconomics (AP/GT), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** A3310200**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course will satisfy the 0.5 credit requirement for Economics; the course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement Macroeconomics exam.

This is a one-semester college-level course for students who wish to take a challenging course in Macroeconomics. This course emphasizes critical-thinking skills, logic, and substantial out-of-class independent study. The course focuses on aggregate demand and supply, fiscal policy, monetary policy, and international trade, using a college text. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis will be on critical thinking, independent study & research.

4620 Microeconomics (AP/GT), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** A3310100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course will not satisfy the 0.5 credit requirement for Economics; this course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement Microeconomics exam.

This is a one-semester college-level economics course for students who wish to take a challenging course in microeconomics. The focus of the course is on the behavior of the individual decision-makers and firms in a free enterprise system. Topics covered include the basic economic concepts, supply and demand, production decisions, price theory, and the functions of the product market. This course emphasizes critical-thinking skills, logic, and requires substantial out-of-class independent study. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis will be on critical thinking, independent study & research.

4711/4721 Psychology (PreAP/GT)/Psychology (AP/GT), 1.0 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03350100/A3350100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** The AP Psychology curriculum will be covered throughout the entire year of this course.

This elective course provides an in-depth knowledge of psychology by focusing on the following areas: the nature of psychology; human growth of development, and behavior; and development of the individual. Psychology TEKS are extended beyond the normal scope in order to prepare for the Psychology AP examination offered in the spring semester. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis will be on critical thinking, independent study & research.

4720 Psychology (AP/GT), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** A3350100**Prerequisite(s):** None

Notes: This course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement Psychology exam and will be offered in the spring semester only.

This is a one-semester college-level elective course that extends the study of psychology through an inclusion of more detail, and by expanding the content topics covered including: the biological basis of behavior; sensation and perception; abnormal behaviors; and analysis of current research in the field of psychology. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis will be on critical thinking, independent study & research.

4730 Sociology, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03370100**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

This is a one-semester elective course that provides an overview of the field of sociology by focusing on the following areas: the nature of sociology; culture, socialization, groups, and institutions; communications; and cultural development and change.

4740 Social Studies Advanced Studies: Constitutional Law, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03380001**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

This one-semester elective will allow students to develop a greater understanding of the development of our civil rights and civil liberties by analyzing and interpreting Supreme Court decisions. The understanding will be advanced through a combination of factual knowledge and analytical skills. The course will examine the relationship of the judicial branch and the citizenry. This course will benefit students who may be interested in legal studies.

4760 Special Topics in Social Studies: Reel America, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 9-12**Service ID:** 03380022**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

This course will provide students with an opportunity to analyze the movies and how they have shaped America's perception of its history. The course will investigate historical accuracy, points of view, bias, and perpetuation of historical myth. The students will develop the ability to assimilate, analyze, and understand visual text. Also students will gain an understanding of the movies' impact on American culture, values, beliefs, and behavior.

4800 Special Topics in Social Studies: History of United States Sports, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 9-12**Service ID:** 03380032**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

This one-semester elective will allow students to learn about U.S. History through the evolution of a variety of sports starting at the beginning and developing into the major leagues. Sports eras of 1860 to 1940, 1940 to 1980, and 1980 to present will be studied. Students will learn about sports heroes, mascots, the movement of teams, the impact of the media, and the role of the U.S. in the Olympics. Connections will be drawn between the sports event and what is happening in the U.S. during that period of time.

4821 European History (AP/GT), 1 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 10-12**Service ID:** A3340200**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement European History exam; **this course may not be used as a substitute for World History.**

This European History course is taught at the college-level and is for students who are prepared to take college-level work. The goal of the course is to provide a basic narrative of events and movements in Europe from 1450 to present. This will include the period from the High Renaissance to the recent past. In addition, the course will develop an understanding of some of the principle themes in modern European History, an ability to analyze historical evidence, and an ability to express that understanding and analysis in writing. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis is placed upon critical thinking, independent study, and research.

4830 Government and Politics: Comparative (AP/GT), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** A3330200**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This course does not satisfy the 0.5 credit graduation requirement for United States Government. This course prepares students for the College Board Advanced Placement Comparative Government and Politics exam.

This is a one-semester college-level elective course for students who wish to take a challenging course in Comparative Government and Politics. Five countries form the core of this investigation of governments outside the United States: Great Britain, France, China, Russia, and Mexico. These countries will be compared and analyzed in terms of their sources of political authority, the basis of social cleavages in society, citizen beliefs, constitutional frameworks of their governments, the institutions of the national government, the role of political parties, interest groups in the political process, and the process of political change. A college text will be utilized and the emphasis will be on critical-thinking independent study and research.

4861 Student Government and Leadership, 0.5-1.0 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 9-12**Service ID:** 03380021**Prerequisite(s):** Application required; enrollment limited.**Notes:** None

This elective course is designed to enhance leadership and to develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Topics to include: parliamentary procedures; meeting skills; leadership development; goal setting; group dynamics; human relations skills; team building; communication skills; and civic responsibilities.

4870 Social Studies Advanced Studies: Law and Justice, 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03380031**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** None

This one-semester elective will give students information on their rights and responsibilities under federal, state, and local laws that most affect them. This will include state and local family and juvenile laws. Victim's rights versus criminal's rights will be discussed. An attempt will be made to have a field trip to one of the court systems. Students will participate in classroom activities including mock trials.

4880 Social Studies Advanced Studies: Global Politics, 1.0 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 10-12**Service ID:** 03380041**Prerequisite(s):** World or Human Geography.**Notes:** None

This one year introductory course is designed to examine international relations in a modern context. Emphasis will be placed on the historical, cultural, and geographic factors that continue to impact the world today and in the future. Global Politics will focus on how modern economic, cultural, and political events have developed and evolved in various regions of the world. Particular attention will be paid to current global issues such as: terrorism, security, identity politics, globalization, energy demands, nation-building, environmental issues, health pandemics and epidemics, as well as regional and international conflict. This is an upper-level critical thinking course requiring independent research and analysis.

4900 Teen Leadership, 1 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 9-10**Service ID:** N1290012**Prerequisite(s):** None**Notes:** This CCISD course does not award credit for Speech.

This elective course builds personal responsibility and leadership skills through role plays, group activities, speeches and projects. Topics to include: healthy self-concept and relationships; emotional intelligence; self-control; self-motivation; social skills; communication skills; decision-making for personal, family and financial responsibilities; peer pressure; and individual goal setting.

4901 Peer Assistance and Leadership I, 1 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** N1290005**Prerequisite(s):** Application required; enrollment limited.**Notes:** None

The Peer Assistance and Leadership I elective course is a peer-helping program in which selected students will be trained to work as peer facilitators. Students will be trained in a variety of helping skills that will enable them to assist other students in having a more positive and productive school experience. Positive peer influence will be utilized as a central strategy for addressing peer school issues.

4911 Peer Assistance and Leadership II, 1 credit (state)**GPA Level 2****Grade Level(s):** 12**Service ID:** N1290006**Prerequisite(s):** PAL I**Notes:** None

The Peer Assistance and Leadership II elective course is a continuation of the peer-helping program. Students will assist in the training of new PAL I students. A variety of advanced peer-assistance service delivery options are available.

4999 Independent Study: Social Studies Research Methods (Adv Acad), 0.5 credit (state)**GPA Level 1****Grade Level(s):** 11-12**Service ID:** 03380001**Prerequisite(s):** Application required.**Notes:** A possible Distinguished Achievement Plan Advanced Measure.